

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 14-16 and 17 are pending. By this amendment, claims 6, 10, 12-13 and 18 are canceled and claims 1, 4, 5, 7-11, 16 and 18 are amended.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 9-11 and 14-16 as being unpatentable over Tsuji *et al* (USP 6,327,536 B1) in view of Wehner *et al.* (USP 6,791,471 B2). It is respectfully asserted that this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn as explained below.

The Office Action indicates that claims 4, 6-8, 12, 13, 17 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate features from allowable claims 12 and 13. Accordingly, claims 1-3 should be allowable.

Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form including the features of claims 1 and 3. Accordingly, claim 4 should be allowable.

Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 6. Objected to claims 7 and 8 have been placed in independent form by incorporating the features of claim 5. Therefore, claims 5 and 7-8 should be allowable.

Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate features from allowable claims 12 and 13. Accordingly, claim 9 should be allowable.

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate features from allowable claims 12 and 13. Accordingly, claims 11, 14 and 15 should be allowable.


Claim 16 has been amended to incorporate features from allowable claim 17. Accordingly, claims 16 and 18 should be allowable.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that none of the pending claims are anticipated by or obvious over the applied references. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit of any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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